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INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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PARIS "FOR POUCH"

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SURFACE POUCH

1. ADVANCE NOTICES OF DIPLOMATIC POUCH SURFACE SHIPMENTS INDICATED 128 POUCHES (102 FOR BELGRADE, 26 FOR ZAGREB) WERE TO BE SHIPPED ON SS ATLANTIC CHAMPAGNE, SS ATLANTIC SPAN, SS ATLANTIC COGNAC WITH LEHAVRE AS RECEIVING PORT. BULK OF XMAS PRESENTS FOR POST PERSONNEL APPARENTLY ARE IN THESE POUCHES.
2. IN RESPONSE TO BELGRADE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, PARIS REQUESTED FRENCH PTT TO DELIVER ALL STRIKEBOUND TRANSIT SURFACE POUCHES TO EMBASSY PARIS FOR REFORWARDING TO BELGRADE.
3. PARIS ADVISES RECEIVED APPROX SOME 20 POUCHES TODAY FOR BELGRADE AND ZAGREB AND HOPES TO OBTAIN BALANCE SHORTLY. PARIS REQUESTS FISCAL DATA FOR FORWARDING VIA AIRFREIGHT.
4. DUE TO ANTICIPATED TIGHT BUDGET RESTRICTIONS BELGRADE CANNOT FUND SHIPMENT OF THESE POUCHES. CAN DEPARTMENT FUND FORWARDING OF THESE AND ANY OTHER STRIKE BOUND POUCHES WHICH FRENCH PTT SUBSEQUENTLY DELIVERS TO EMBASSY PARIS?
5. INDICATIONS ARE THAT IF THE POUCHES REMAIN IN FRENCH PTT SYSTEM, THEY WILL NOT ARRIVE IN BELGRADE BEFORE FEBRUARY. IT SEEMS ESSENTIAL THAT FOR THESE POUCHES TO ARRIVE AT BELGRADE

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BEFORE XMAS, THEY BE FORWARDED VIA AIRFREIGHT.

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